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PRE-ELECTION GLANCE

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1. INTRO AND SUMMARY. MUNICH VOTERS GO TO THE POLLS
TO ELECT A LORD MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MARCH 5. CONGEN
CONTINUES TO ANTICIPATE NARROW CSU VICTORIES IN BOTH
CITY HALL AND CITY COUNCIL RACES. END SUMMARY.

2. EXPECTATIONS OF THE PARTIES:

(A) CSU. CSU OFFICIALS REMAIN CONVINCED THAT THEIR
LORD MAYOR CANDIDATE, ERICH KIESL, WILL CAPTURE THE
MUNICH RATHAUS AND THAT THE PARTY WILL WIN A SLENDER
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MAJORITY IN THE 80-SEAT CITY COUNCIL. KIESL AND
CSU CHAIRMAN STRAUSS HAVE BEEN EMPHASIZING THE
SIGNIFICANCE A CSU VICTORY IN MUNICH WOULD HAVE
BEYOND BAVARIA'S BORDERS.

(B) SPD. THE MOOD OF SPD LEADERS HERE HAS BECOME
MORE SELF-CONFIDENT AND OPTIMISTIC. ALTHOUGH

THEY HAVE RESIGNED THEMSELVES TO THE LOSS OF THEIR PREVIOUS ABSOLUTE MAJORITY IN CITY COUNCIL, SPD OFFICIALS ARE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT SPD LORD MAYOR CANDIDATE MAX VON HECKEL'S CHANCES IN EVENT OF A RUNOFF. THEY SEE A GLIMMER OF HOPE THAT VON HECKEL COULD PICK UP ENOUGH SUPPORT IN THE TWO-WEEK PERIOD BETWEEN MARCH 5 AND A RUNOFF TO EKE OUT A NARROW VICTORY OVER KIESL.

(C) FDP. THE FDP HOPES THAT NEITHER BIG PARTY WILL OBTAIN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY IN CITY COUNCIL AND THAT FDP WILL WIN ENOUGH CITY COUNCIL SEATS TO CONSTITUTE THE BALANCE OF POWER.

3. POSSIBLE CSU/FDP COOPERATION. CSU LORD MAYOR CANDIDATE KIESL HAS MADE WHAT IS TANTAMOUNT TO COALITION OFFER TO FDP. (N.B. BAVARIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW STRONGLY DISCOURAGES FORMAL COALITIONS ON MUNICIPAL LEVEL.) IN ADDITION TO STATING HIS INTENTION TO OFFER FDP ONE OF THE TWO DEPUTY MAYOR POSITIONS, KIESL HAS SAID HE WOULD WELCOME AN FDP MEMBER AS HEAD OF ONE OF THE LARGE CITY DEPARTMENTS. ALTHOUGH FDP LORD MAYOR CANDIDATE CORNELIA SCHMALZ-JACOBSEN HAS NOT RPT NOT COMMENTED ON KIESL'S OFFER, SHE HAS TOLD PRESS THAT FDP COLLABORATION WITH SPD WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE POSSIBLE IN VIEW OF PREPONDERANCE OF LEFT-WING ELEMENTS AMONG LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SPD CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES.

4. NEWSPAPER BALCKOUT. MUNICH HAS BEEN WITHOUT NEWS-PAPERS SINCE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28. BEGINNING MARCH 1, CSU HAS ISSUED A ONE PAGE DAILY NEWSHEET CONTAINING BRIEF NEWS ITEMS AND CSU ELECTION PROPAGANDA. MUNICH SPD HAS BEEN ABLE TO GET OUT ONLY ONE NEWSHEET, WHILE SMALLER PARTIES AND GROUPS HAVE HAD TO RELY ON HANDBILLS, RALLIES AND RADIO TO REACH VOTERS.

5. COMMENT. CONGEN CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT CSU CANDIDATE KIESL IS LIKELY TO WIN A VERY NARROW MAJORITY IN LORD MAYOR RACE AND THAT CSU IS LIKELY TO OBTAIN THIN MAJORITY OF THE 80 CITY COUNCIL SEATS. LEADERS OF BOTH MAJOR PARTIES ARE KEENLY AWARE THAT A CSU VICTORY WOULD FURTHER TARNISH THE NATIONAL IMAGE OF SPD. BETTS

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